

the invention is used with a subsea processing system, gas 134 separated from the liquid hydrocarbons may be routed to a gas handling system and the liquid hydrocarbons (oil) 121, exiting the separator 136 at a lower pressure can then be pumped via oil transfer pumps 135 into the inlet 122 of the tank 100.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please add the included sheet of drawings as sheet 14 (Fig. 11).

REMARKS

Please reconsider the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks. Applicants thank the Examiner for the Interview of June 10, 2003, in which it was determined that the Examiner and Applicants would obtain a translation of the Mas French patent and discuss further at that point.

I. Objections to the Specification

The disclosure was objected to for failing to disclose the referenced application number. The disclosure has been amended to correct this informality. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.

II. Objections to the Drawings

The drawings were objected to for failing to show a web-framed steel structure. The drawings have been amended to include this feature. Support for this embodiment may be found at least at paragraph 31 and claim 23 of the application as filed. No new matter was added by way of this amendment. Accordingly, withdrawal of this objection is respectfully requested.